

retain media diversity-it is vital to a democracy

I want to submit my comments concerning Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. I feel so strongly that a successful democracy in America depends on the ability of the American people to debate openly and have access to a wide range of viewpoints. Already the current consolidation of media has narrowed the spectrum of real debate while bombarding us with trivialities. There is right now an appalling lack of real news-the information that citizens require to make decisions concerning their communities. I want to strongly urge the FCC to preserve the media ownership rules in question. No more deregulation. No more mergers. These media giants are monopolies and they are death to a democracy.

Since the impact these potential rule changes will have on our democracy are so serious and so negative, I am urging the commission to solicit the widest possible response from the American public who will be the most impacted. Please hold more public hearings throughout the country on this most important issue.

Sincerely,

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